1	2
Kerala	1.68
Karnataka	0.19
Madhya Pradesh	0.69
Maharashtra	1.60
Orissa	23.37
Pondicherry	0.009
Punjab	79.07
Rajasthan	0.19
Tamil Nadu	9.68
Uttar Pradesh	28.91
Uttarakhand	1.47
West Bengal	14.63
TOTAL	284.29

Procurement of Wheat in Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09

(in lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2008-09
1	Punjab	99.39
2	Haryana	52.31
3.	U.P.	31.37
4.	Rajasthan	9.35
5.	Chandigarh	0.10
6.	Delhi	0.06
7.	H.P.	Neg.
8.	M.P.	24.09
9.	Gujarat	4.15
10.	Bihar	4.99
11.	Uttarakhand	0.84
12.	Chhattisgarh	-
	TOTAL	226.82

Weight reduction of consumer products

833. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturers of consumer products such as soaps, ice-creams, biscuits and breads were trying to pass on rising input costs to consumers by reducing weights of packaged products while keeping their prices unchanged;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for weight reduction; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to curb the practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) (i) The attention of the Government has been drawn to media reports which state that manufacturers have reduced quantities of packaged goods while holding price constant.

(ii) The retail sale price declared on a pre packed commodity is decided by the manufacturer.

(iii) In respect of 'net quantity' declared on a package, commodities, not listed in the Third schedule to the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, can be packed in any quantity.

(iv) Commodities listed in the Third Schedule to the Rules have to be packed only in standard quantities provided in the said Schedule. However Rules give an option to the manufacturers to pack a commodity listed in the Third schedule in any quantity other than the standard quantity also. When they exercise the option, a declaration "not a standard pack size under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977", or "non standard size under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977" , have to be made on the package.

Climatic change and health

834. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical experts have pointed out that health should be put at centre-stage and to move away from individual comforts, realize one's responsibility and work as a society to protect health from climatic changes;

(b) if so, whether with increasing manifestations of climatic changes through excessive floods, devastating storms and droughts, the experts stressed the need to put health at the centre-stage;

(c) if so, what were the other main points suggested by the experts;

(d) whether Government has considered them; and

(e) if so, when the action in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The climate change will affect, in profoundly adverse ways, some of the most fundamental prerequisites for good health; clean air and water, sufficient food, adequate shelter and freedom from disease as per World Health Organization (W.H.O.) report presented in the One Hundred Twenty Second Session of Executive Board on 16/1/08. The global climate is now